

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the attached Sequence Listing.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 at line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a comparison of *L. delbrueckii* promoter sequences as represented by SEQ ID NOS: 22-29;

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 at line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows the organisation of the promoter region of *L. delbrueckii* LL44 and LB68 as represented by SEQ ID NOS: 30 and 31;

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 at line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows the organisation of the promoter region of *L. delbrueckii* N299 as represented by SEQ ID NOS: 32 and 33;